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1. The barracks of the 1 AAA Regiment are located 8 kilometers outside of Sofia on the west side of the Sofia - Gorna Banya road. The regiment is connected with the 1 Tank Brigade in Sofia. The regimental headquarters and one battalion of the regiment is stationed in these barracks. Two other battalions and miscellaneous units of the regiment are stationed in the cavalry barracks in Sofia. 25X1
2. Lieutenant Colonel Dimitur Stankov is the regimental commander; Major Vasilev Rudnikov (fnu) is the commander of the 1 Battalion; and Lieutenant Slavko Petrovich is battery commander. 25X1
3. The regiment, which has 3 AAA battalions, includes also a headquarters, a technical company attached to the headquarters, a regimental searchlight company, and a regimental signal company. Each battalion has three batteries and each battery has four guns. Each battery has a fire control officer. This officer has a measuring device of Soviet make which indicates the direction of the aircraft, its height, and its speed. This officer gives firing instructions to the gun commander by telephone. The gun commander is, at the same time, assistant battery commander. All regimental gun commanders are non-commissioned officers, while battery commanders are officers.
4. An antiaircraft gun is manned by eight troops. One man is in charge of aiming; the gun (merach). He has an assistant (pomoshnik merach). One person is in charge of putting the shells into the guns (podnesach). He also has an assistant (pomoshnik podnesach). In addition, there are four gunners (streltsi).
5. Troops are armed with 7.60-mm. pistols, 7.62-mm. submachine guns, and 7.62-mm. carbines. Each battery has four 37-mm. Soviet AA guns, model 29/158. According to some troops of the regiment, one of the battalions has 22 m (probably 122-mm.) antiaircraft guns, while the third battalion

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has heavy 85-mm. antiaircraft guns. The guns are hauled by caterpillar prime movers called "Stalinets."

6. The munitions used are high explosive antiaircraft shells and antiaircraft tracer shells. According to rumors, the second and third battalions are using magnetic shells. No such shells are used by the first battalion.
7. Basic training in the regiment lasts three months and includes infantry training, weapons nomenclature, gun training, antiaircraft training, navigation training (flugdienstlehre), and political training. Troops are also trained in the handling of searchlights and in night firing. Firing exercises are held at the Slatinski Redut (Slatina Redoubt), which is in the vicinity of Sofia. Built-up AA targets are located here.
8. The following is the legend to the sketch which appears as an appendix on page 3.
 - 1 - A 3-story headquarters building, which includes offices, assembly halls, and officers quarters;
 - 2 - A 3-story troops quarters, which includes a kitchen and mess hall;
 - 3 - A 3-story troops quarters;
 - 4 - A 1-story dispensary;
 - 5 - Workshops, including a tailor shop, a shoe repair shop, a forging shop, and a carpenter shop;
 - 6 - Gunsheds;
 - 7 - Gunsheds and garage;
 - 8 - A 1-story storage depot and assembly shop;
 - 9 - A 1-story storage depot;
 - 10 - A 1-story ammunition depot with underground installations;
 - 11 - A 1-story storage depot for uniforms;
 - 12 - A 2-story noncommissioned officers building, which includes apartments for married noncommissioned officers;
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 - 14 - A 2-story officers building;
 - 15 - A 2-story officers building, which includes apartments for married officers; and
 - 16 - Guard and inspection room in the headquarters building.

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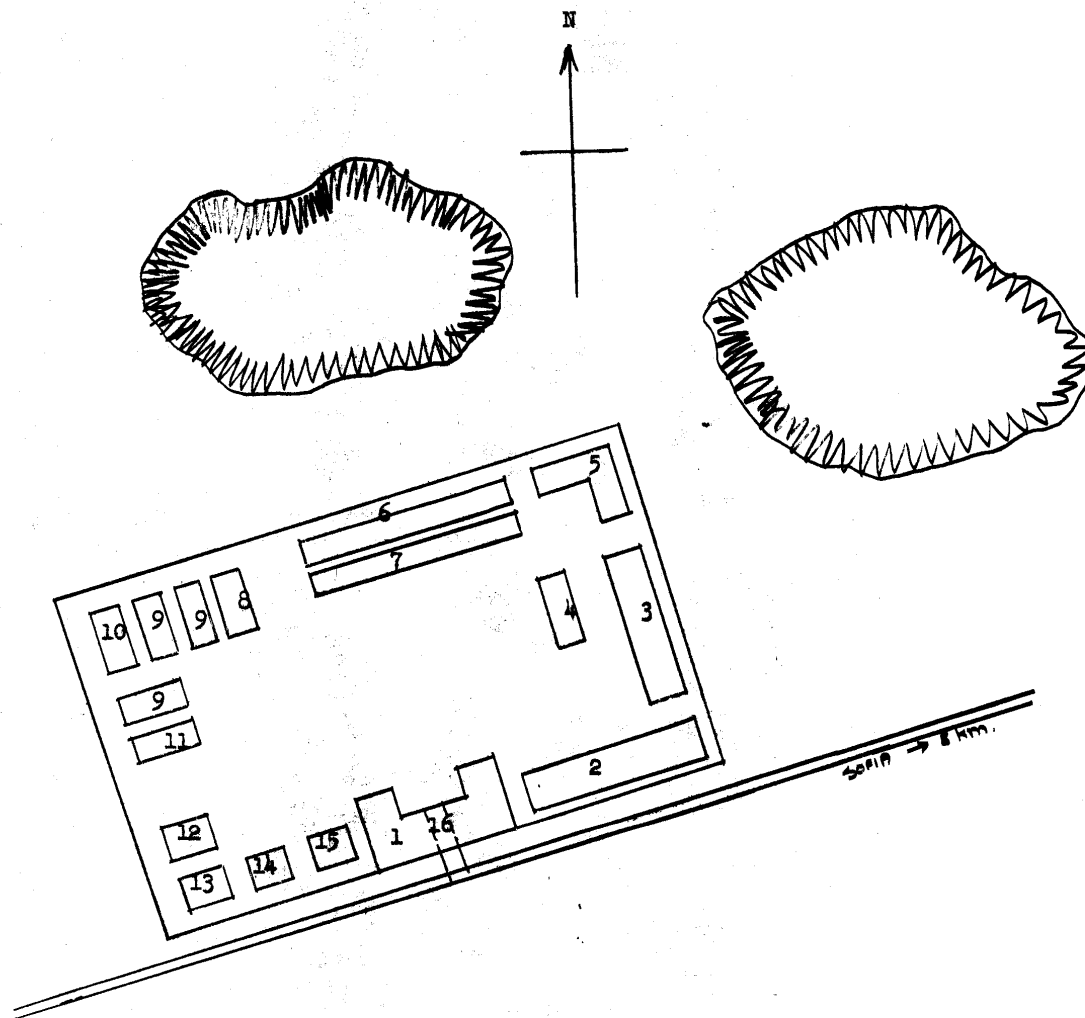
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